

“Betrayed”

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<p>Charles: “I was in the Army. Attached to the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. I was there for two years. I was a draftee.</p> <p>On screen: Congressman Cassidy Voted for a plan that would cut veterans benefits Roll Call Vote #31, 2/3/12</p> <p>Charles: “It just doesn’t seem to me that a doctor should be in the business of cutting healthcare benefits at all. For someone to betray the veterans the way he has, the way he is doing, I can’t trust Bill Cassidy.”</p> <p>On screen: Betrayed by Bill Cassidy</p> <p>On screen: Veterans Can’t Trust Congressman Cassidy</p> <p>Disclaimer: Paid for by Patriot Majority USA, www.patriotmajority.org. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee. Patriot Majority USA is responsible for the content of this advertising.</p> <p>Voiceover: Patriot Majority USA is responsible for the content of this advertising.</p>	<p><u>CASSIDY VOTED TO CUT FUNDING FOR VETERANS BENEFITS</u></p> <p>Cassidy Opposed Maintaining Current Funding Levels For Veterans’ Health Care. In 2012, Cassidy voted against the Tierney, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the Budget Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the Congressional Budget Office to maintain current funding levels in inflation-adjusted terms for a number of programs including all discretionary spending that provided benefits to veterans. The motion was rejected by a vote of 177-238. Cassidy later voted for the Baseline Reform Act which the Tierney amendment wanted to amend. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “On January 24, the House Budget Committee passed legislation introduced by Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI), Rep. Rob Woodall (R-GA), and other members that would require the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to assume, in constructing budget ‘baselines’ that project funding levels for future years, that future annual appropriations will remain frozen indefinitely, with no adjustment for inflation. [...] Discretionary appropriations accounted for 38 percent of the federal budget in fiscal year 2011 and cover areas such as defense, education, law enforcement, housing, veterans’ health, job training, transportation, health research and disease control, NASA, national parks and forests, and foreign assistance. Under longstanding budget rules, CBO and OMB assume that future discretionary appropriations will be at the same dollar levels as in the most recently enacted appropriations bills, adjusted for inflation. The reported legislation, the Baseline Reform Act (H.R. 3578), would remove the inflation adjustment and mandate that baselines henceforth assume funding will be frozen indefinitely. This would establish an unrealistic and misleading benchmark against which to measure changes in funding.” [H.R. 3578, Vote #31, 2/3/12; Congressional Actions; Vote #32, 2/31/12; Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1/24/12]</p> <p>Cassidy Voted For Cut, Cap And Balance Act. [H.R. 2560, Vote #606, 7/19/11]</p> <p>Center For American Progress: Cut, Cap And Balance Could “Require A 25 Percent Cut To Everything In The Federal Budget—From Social Security To Veterans’ Benefits To The Pentagon To Education.” From an analysis of Cut, Cap and Balance: “This week the House will vote on legislation that would effectively cap federal spending at 18 percent of gross domestic product, the broadest measure of our economy. [...] Of that \$4.4 trillion in 2016, about \$520 billion will be interest payments on the debt—an area Congress can’t directly cut. That leaves about \$3.9 trillion in noninterest spending, from which Congress would have to slash about \$1 trillion in order to bring total spending down to 18 percent of GDP. This would require a 25 percent cut to everything in the federal budget—from Social Security to veterans’ benefits to the Pentagon to education. Congress could try to protect some programs from such severe reductions but then, of course, other areas would have to be slashed even more.” [Center for American Progress, 7/18/11]</p> <p>Center For American Progress Graphic: Cut, Cap And Balance Could Require 25% Cuts To Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Defense, And All Other Spending.</p>

Five ways to cut 2016 spending down to 1966 levels



The range of choices of what to cut demonstrates the disastrous consequences of the conservative "cap" proposal to be voted on this week in the House

Percentage cut by program

	Budget #1 Equal pain	Budget #2 Protect Social Security	Budget #3 Protect Social Security, fewer cuts to Medicare and Medicaid	Budget #4 No cuts to seniors	Budget #5 Fewer cuts to seniors and Pentagon
Social Security	25%	0%	0%	0%	5%
Medicare	25%	33%	15%	0%	5%
Medicaid	25%	33%	15%	0%	5%
Defense	25%	33%	40%	50%	5%
All else	25%	33%	40%	50%	67%

[Center for American Progress, [7/18/11](#)]

CASSIDY HAS TOUTED HIS PROFESSION

Cassidy: “**You May Not Know Who I Am, But Again, I’m A Doctor.**” From an event at a Mandeville retirement home, Cassidy said: “You may not know who I am, but again, I’m a doctor. I have been working for the last twenty-five years in the charity hospital system, teaching young residents and medical students how to be better doctors. If your doctor is less than forty-five than she or he has probably heard my lecture on diarrhea and hepatitis, you know I’m famous for diarrhea.” [Cassidy at Mandeville retirement home, 4/11/14]